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In re Application of	:	
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U.S. Application No.: 09/402,185	:	DECISION ON PETITION
PCT No.: PCT/SE98/00613	:	
Int. Filing Date: 03 April 1998	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.182
Priority Date: 04 April 1997	:	
Attorney's Docket No.: C36305	:	
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FRICTION	:	
STIR WELDING	:	

This decision is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182" filed 04 October 2000.  
The required petition fee has been paid.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 28 September 1999, applicant filed national stage papers including a transmittal letter (Form PTO-1390) identifying international application PCT/EP98/00613; however, all other identifying information provided on the PTO-1390 (e.g. inventors, title, filing date) failed to correspond to this international application.

On 14 December 2000, applicants were mailed a communication informing applicant that in order to continue processing of the national stage application for PCT/SE98/00613 applicant needed to bring a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to correct the error in the Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390). Applicant was given **TWO (2) MONTHS** to submit the required reply and informed that failure to timely file would result in abandonment of U.S. application 09/402,185.

On 04 October 2000, the present petition was filed indicating that the international application identified on the transmittal letter contained a typographical error and that the correct international application number is PCT/SE98/00613. Accompanying the petition was a new Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390) indicating the correct international application number.

### **DISCUSSION**

The identifying information provided on the transmittal letter filed by applicant on 28 September 1999, i.e., the title, applicant-inventor information, priority date, and international filing date all correspond to that of PCT/SE98/00613. For these reasons, as well as the explanation provided in the present petition, it has been concluded that the national stage papers

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filed 28 September 1999 sufficiently identify international application PCT/SE98/00613. Pursuant to petitioner's request, the national stage papers assigned U.S. application number 09/402,185 will be treated as a U.S. national stage submission for PCT/SE98/00613.

**CONCLUSION**

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of U.S. application number 09/402,185 as the U.S. national stage application of PCT/SE98/00613.



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